

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: September 13, 2002

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Department of Mental Health Civil
Infractions Rulemaking"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources will be required. The proposed legislation would generate additional O-type revenue through the imposition and collection of fines for civil infractions. The amount of such fines cannot be estimated at this time; however, the revenue could be used to offset expenditures that would otherwise be covered by local funds.

Background

The proposed legislation would establish infractions and fines for providers of mental health services and mental health supports who violate certification requirements.

Financial Plan Impact

The proposed legislation would generate additional revenue through the imposition and collection of fines for civil infractions. According to the Department of Mental Health, the amount of such fines cannot be estimated at this time. No expected fine revenue has been included in the FY 2003 budget and the amount included in the FY 2004 budget is expected to be based on the experience during FY 2003.